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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

1. DURING 30TH UNGA TO DATE, MALI HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE UNITED STATES POSITION ON EACH AND EVERY MAJOR ISSUE. STATEMENTS BY MALI'S REPRESENTATIVE, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HAVE EXCEEDED IN VEHEMENCE EVEN THOSE OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC. UPPER VOLTA'S RECORD HAS BEEN FAR MORE PRAGMATIC, ABSENTING ITSELF FOR EXAMPLE DURING THE PLENARY VOTING ON KOREA, EVEN THOUGH UPPER VOLTA WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION. UPPER VOLTA ALSO LENT SUPPORT AGAINST THE ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LESSON TO BE LEARNED BY EITHER OF THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS WERE THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE AIDING THEM BOTH EQUALLY. IF WE DO, THE UPPER VOLTANS, OTHER AFRICANS(AND ANY ONE ELSE) CAN ASK FAIRLY: IF ONE IS TO BE REWARDED BY WASHINGTON FOR BEING HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS FOR BEING FRIENDLY WITH EQUAL REGARD GOING FOR BOTH LINES OF CONDUCT, WHY BOTHER TO BE FRIENDLY TO THE US-- ESPECIALLY WHEN A VOTE FOR THE UNITED STATES OFTEN PROVOKES CRITICISM FROM ONE'S OWN GROUP? WHY, ONE
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CAN ASK, DOES THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO AID A

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COUNTRY WHICH IS SO VEHEMENT WITH OPPOSITION AT THE UNITED NATION? AND WHY, MALI COULD ASK ITSELF, CAN WE NOT CONTINUE TO TAKE HARDLINE POSITIONS WHICH SATISFY OUR COMMUNIST FRIENDS, SINCE THE U.S. NEVERTHELESS WILL CONTINUE TO AID US?

3. WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THE VOTING PATTERNS OF UPPER VOLTA AND MALI DURING THE 30TH UNGA AS AID PROGRAMMING FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR PROCEEDS. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH AID TO GO AROUND. LET'S HELP THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST US, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SEEK AID FROM THOSE WHOSE POLITICAL CAUSES THEY ESPOUSE.
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